

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 432

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Justin Spain on winning the State title at the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament in February of 2007.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes, who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our State; and

WHEREAS, Justin Spain, a senior at Bradley Central High School, is one such noteworthy athlete who recently attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success when he captured the Tennessee Secondary Schools Academic Association (TSSAA) State Wrestling Tournament's Division I 152-pound title in February of this year; and

WHEREAS, with roots tracing back to the ancient Greeks and the early Olympics, wrestling is a most demanding sport, and Mr. Spain has proved himself to be a remarkable wrestler and a valuable team player whose defeat of Jarriett Toney of Soddy-Daisy High School in the final match to capture the State title was a testament to his unwavering determination; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous champion drew strength from the support of his teammates, and he received vital encouragement from his coaches, Chad Laxton, Steve Logsdon, Daniel Montgomery, Ben Smith, and Adam Rains; and

WHEREAS, this most recent state championship marks Mr. Spain's first state title, and further marks the culmination of a spectacular high school career; a three-time State finalist in the 152-pound weight class, he was the State Runner-Up in 2005 and 2006, has been selected as a High School All-American, and helped his team capture second place in the 2007 TSSAA Traditional and Duals Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, during his four-year high school career, Justin Spain compiled an astounding record of 166 wins to only ten losses; and

WHEREAS, during his Freshman year at Bradley Central, Justin Spain, with his team, won the Dual State Championship and the Traditional State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the son of Glenn and Donna Spain, Justin is as accomplished in the classroom as he is on the wrestling mat; he currently ranks third in his senior class with a grade point average of 4.0; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and that are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young man surely bode well for his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Justin Spain's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Justin Spain on winning the TSSAA State Wrestling Division I Championship in the 152-pound category, applaud his impressive high school wrestling career, and join with his family, friends, coaches, and teammates in celebrating his achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.